

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

TENANT HOUSE (SITE)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Rte 468 and SOUTH RIVER CLUB ROAD

CITY, TOWN

HARWOOD

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- ☐ DISTRICT
- ☐ BUILDING(S)
- ☐ STRUCTURE
- ☐ SITE
- ☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- ☐ PUBLIC
- ☐ PRIVATE
- ☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- ☐ IN PROCESS
- ☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- ☐ OCCUPIED
- ☐ UNOCCUPIED
- ☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
- ☐ ACCESSIBLE
- ☐ YES: RESTRICTED
- ☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
- ☐ NO

PRESENT USE

- ☐ AGRICULTURE
- ☐ MUSEUM
- ☐ COMMERCIAL
- ☐ PARK
- ☐ EDUCATIONAL
- ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ☐ ENTERTAINMENT
- ☐ RELIGIOUS
- ☐ GOVERNMENT
- ☐ SCIENTIFIC
- ☐ INDUSTRIAL
- ☐ TRANSPORTATION
- ☐ MILITARY
- ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

AA-149

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

*Amy Hiatt could not locate. Probably demolished.*

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY OR TOWN

DATE

TELEPHONE

STATE

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**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Survey No. AA-149

Magi No.

DOE yes no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic SELLMAN FARM TENANT HOUSE

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 427 Contees Wharf Rd. not for publication

city, town Edgewater vicinity of congressional district

state MD county AA

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Samuel Asher map 59/parcel 182 (4.055 acres)

street & number 427 Contees Wharf Rd. telephone no.:

city, town Edgewater state and zip code MD 21037

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber 3492

street & number folio 616

city, town state

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. *AA-149***Condition**

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

**Check one**

☐ unaltered  
☐ altered

**Check one**

☐ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

One-story side-gabled frame house.

Three-bay facade with door in the right bay.

Two rooms down, two rooms up.

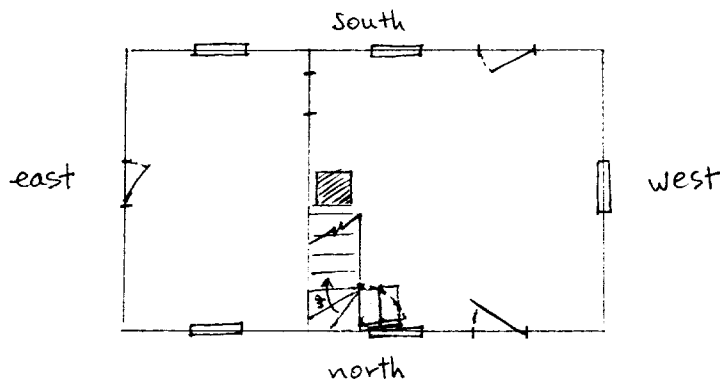
6/6 windows except for one rear 4/4 shed dormer.

Siding: particle-board clapboards. Roof: standing seam tin over wood shingles.

This house was built in two sections, either as two separate 1-room down/1-room up houses which were joined together, or as an original 1-room down/1-room up house which was later expanded.

The larger section, at the west end, has 2 bays with door to the right, <sup>and</sup> an enclosed turning stairway which hugs the inside of the NE corner and ascends along the east wall. A new cinderblock chimney, centered inside the east wall, has replaced the original brick one up as far as the roofline. Above the roof the top of the old brick chimney still stands. Hewn posts are visible along the interior east wall where some plaster and lathes have been removed. The facade window to left of door appears original with old wavy panes of glass.

The smaller east section of the house has one window-bay front and rear, and a door in the gable end.



This house is similar to one at Ivy Neck Farm (AA-225) which is 1/2 mile south by water from Contees Wharf. Ivy Neck Tenant House #A has an estimated construction date of 1840-70. The arrangement of its larger (east) section is almost identical to that of the larger west section in the Sellman Tenant House: 2-bay facade with door in the right bay, a turning enclosed stairway inside left front corner of house, the stair door closing at 3rd step up from floor, the steps rising along left wall toward chimney, rear-elevation door and window lined up with those of the facade, and room dimensions approximately square.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

## Specific dates

## Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This may be The "tenant house" referred to by Surveyor Amy Hiatt, vicinity Muddy Creek Rd. and Contees Wharf Rd.. She couldn't locate in 1975.

According to local opinion, This was two slave houses joined together on the Sellman Farm. Mr. Kirkpatrick - Howatt, current owner of The Sellman House (AA-147), believes this to be true, as does his tenant farmer, Samuel Asher (born c. 1910 at The neighboring Contee Farm, AA-146).

The tenant house appears to be on the 1860 Martenet Map (see accompanying xerox).

Mr. Asher is the current owner. He has stabilized the house and uses it for storage.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. *AA-149*

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name *South River, Md.*Quadrangle scale *1:24000*

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting NorthingC 

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title

*Susan Weatherill*

organization

*A.A.Co. Planning & Zoning*

date

*July 1987*

street &amp; number

telephone

city or town

state

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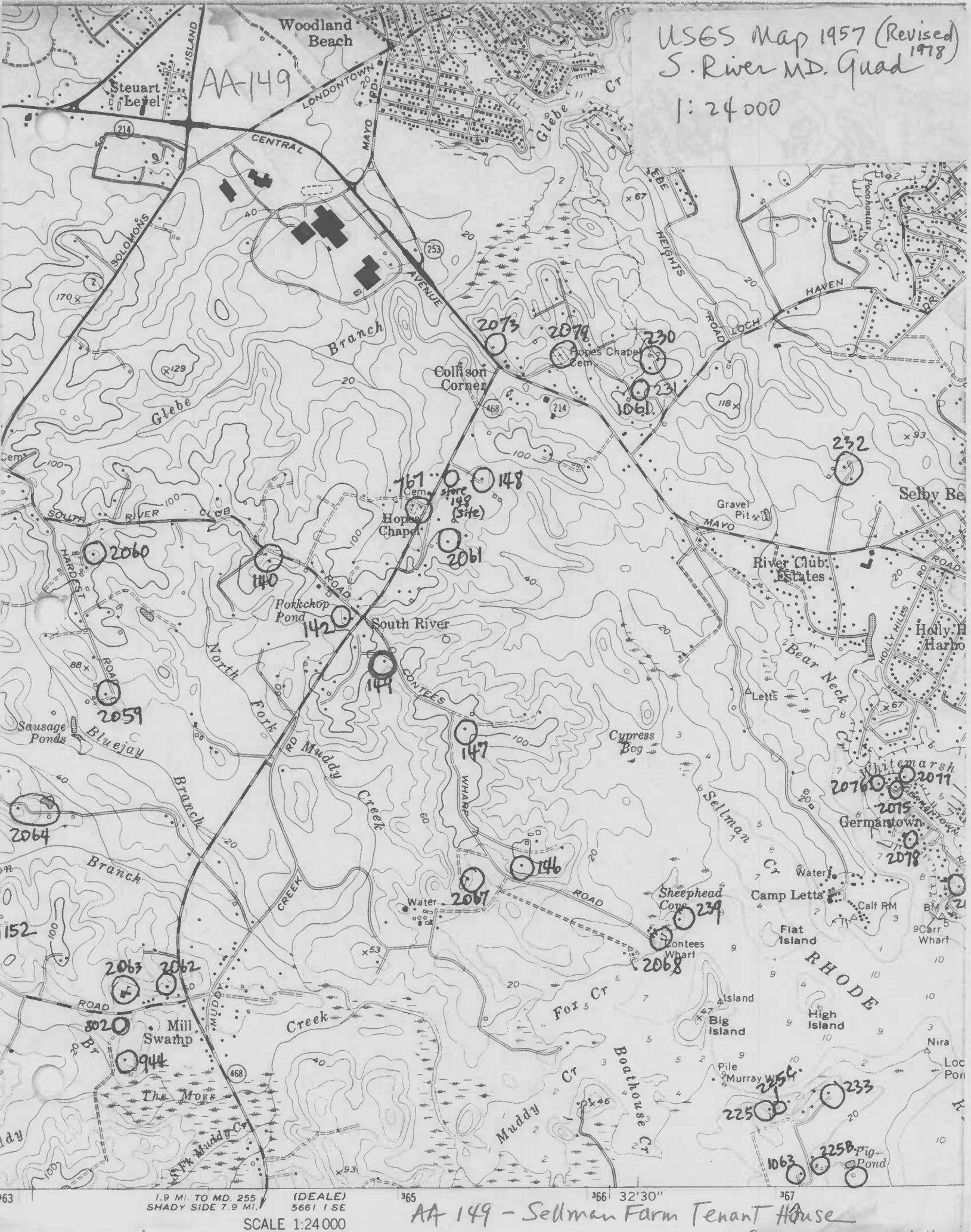
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N Corner



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Contees Wharf Rd.

A.A.Co. MD

S. Wedherill 6/87

W Corner